

THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY

Program of the Twenty-Eighth Assembly,
December 26 to 31, 1919,
Baltimore, Md.
Headquarters, Hotel Belvedere, Room 803

Friday, December 26.

8:00 P. M. Bolton Street Temple.
Prayer—Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, Philadelphia, Pa., Chancellor, Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Reading of Service—Rabbi Louis Haas, Harrisburg, Pa.
Sermon—Rabbi Louis L. Mann, New Haven, Conn.

Closing Prayer and Benediction—Rabbi Charles Rubenstein, Baltimore, Md.

Saturday, December 27.

10:00 A. M. Eutaw Place Temple.
Prayer—Rabbi Morris Lazaron, Baltimore, Md.

Reading of Service—Rabbi Nathan Stern, New York City.
Closing Prayer and Benediction—Rabbi Morris Baron, Cumberland, Md.

2:30 P. M. Eutaw Place Temple.
Illustrative Lesson for Teachers in Jewish Religion—Dr. Julius Greenstone, Philadelphia, member of Faculty of Correspondence School—"Sources of the Jewish Religion."

Discussion—
(a) Children Under School Age—Rabbi Ephraim Frisch, New York City.
(b) Children of School Age—Miss Selma Hoffman, Savannah, Ga.

4:00 P. M. Eutaw Place Temple.
Questionnaire—Religious School Problems—Dr. Henry Berkowitz, Philadelphia, Chancellor Jewish Chautauqua Society, presiding.

General Discussion by Sabbath School Teachers.
8:00 P. M. Theatre party.

Sunday, December 28.

9:30 A. M. Religious School Observation.
2:30 P. M. Visiting local Jewish Institutions.

8:00 P. M. Madison Avenue Temple.
Formal Opening Session—Dr. Jacob S. Goldbaum, Philadelphia, President Jewish Chautauqua Society, presiding.

Organ Prelude.
Opening Prayer—Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen, York, Pa.

Address of Welcome—Mr. Eli Frank, Baltimore, Md.
Response and Address—Dr. Jacob S. Goldbaum.

Music.
Greetings—Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, Philadelphia, Chancellor Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Resume of Chautauqua Activities—Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg, Jefferson, Texas, Secretary Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Closing Prayer and Benediction—Rabbi William Rosenau, Vice-Chancellor Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Monday, December 29.

9:30 A. M. Auditorium, Hotel Belvedere.
Illustrative Lesson for Teachers in Biblical History—Rabbi Edward N. Calisch, Richmond, Va., Member of Faculty of the Correspondence School.

Discussion—Messrs. Herman Hollander, Washington, D. C.; Miss Rose Goldblatt, Philadelphia, Pa.

2:30 P. M. Auditorium, Hotel Belvedere.
Topic—The Recitation—
(a) Recitation in Hebrew—Mr. Bernard Frangel, Philadelphia.

(b) Recitation in History—Miss Adele Bildersee, New York City.
(c) Recitation in Religion—Miss Tess Haas, St. Louis.

4:00 P. M. Auditorium, Hotel Belvedere.
Round Table—Practical Methods of Education as Applied to Religious Schools—Miss Florence Bamberger, Baltimore, Md.

Discussion—Miss Zerlina Reefer, Kansas City, Mo.

8:00 P. M. Bolton Street Temple.
Educational Evening—Hon. Abram I. Elkus, New York City, presiding.

Music.
Address—Dr. George E. Vincent, president Chautauqua Institution and President Rockefeller Foundation, New York City.

Tuesday, December 30.

9:30 A. M. Auditorium, Hotel Belvedere.
Illustrative Lesson for Teachers in Jewish Ethics—Rabbi Louis J. Kopald, Buffalo, N. Y.

Discussion—Rabbi Morris Lazaron, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Clara Steiner, Cleveland, O.; Miss Dora Lurie, Boston, Mass.

11:00 A. M. Auditorium, Hotel Belvedere.
Parents-Teachers Meeting—Rabbi Rudolph Grossman, New York City, presiding.

Discussion—Miss Rachael Marks, Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Mabel Engelberg, Richmond, Va.

2:30 P. M. Musicales and Afternoon Tea tendered the visitors and delegates by the Sisterhoods of Eutaw Place Temple, Madison Avenue Temple and Har Sinai Temple, and the Council of Jewish Women.

8:00 P. M. Eutaw Place Temple.
University Evening—Dr. William Rosenau, Vice-Chancellor Jewish Chautauqua Society, presiding.

Music.
Introductory Remarks—Dr. Rosenau.
Address—Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Dayton, O.

Address—Rabbi Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.
Music.

Address—Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson, Philadelphia, Pa.
Address—Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

Wednesday, December 31.

9:30 A. M. Auditorium, Hotel Belvedere.
Dr. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C., presiding.

Illustrative Lesson for Teachers in Primary Work—Miss Lena Latkin, Little Rock, Ark.

Discussion—Miss Esther Silver, Chicago, Ill.
2:30 P. M.
Kindergarten Methods in Religious Instruction—Miss Gussie Cronheim, Atlanta, Ga.

Discussion—Miss Ida Gelders, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. E. H. Oppenheimer, New York City.

4:00 P. M.
Stories for Children—Miss Florence Brentano, Evansville, Ind.

Discussion—Mrs. Arthur Stern, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Selma R. Cohn, Memphis, Tenn.

Closing Remarks and Benediction—Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, Philadelphia, Chancellor Jewish Chautauqua Society.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

To win Jewish college men and women to the support of their religion is the purpose of Rabbi Louis I. Egelson's visit among the large universities of the central and eastern states, in his capacity of Assistant Director of the Department of Synagog and School Extension. There is a general tendency among the Jewish students of higher educational institutions to drift away from their religious affiliations. This condition, deplorable under all circumstances, is especially unfavorable to the perpetuation of Judaism when it occurs among the educated men and women, as it is mainly upon them that the religion should rely for leadership in the future.

Regular devotional services in the universities, together with other religious activities, will do much to save for Israel the Jews who attend those institutions. The matter of organizing such services is the work with which Rabbi Egelson is concerned.

Rabbi Egelson's itinerary took him first to the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., where there are about 250 Jewish students. He met with the Champaign Jewish Community, many of the students and Professors Simon Litman and Jacob Zeitlin, at a meeting held in the beautiful temple, and addressed the assembly, urging response to this work. After the meeting there were many assurances that the students would welcome the opportunity to attend services.

As the result of his personal interviews with the professors and students, Rabbi Egelson declares that what the students desire most at these services are sermons of an inspirational rather than an informational nature.

Champaign, Urbana and Danville, Ill., have united in the project of engaging a Rabbi permanently next September.

At present Rabbi Edward Israel of Springfield, Ill., conducts semi-monthly services in Champaign, which the students at the university are invited to attend. Rabbis from Chicago have officiated at Champaign during the past several months.

UNASSIGNED PEWS IN BATON ROUGE, LA.

There are no reserved seats in Temple B'nai Israel, of Baton Rouge, La. Persons attending services may seat themselves wherever they like. They are urged to occupy seats close to the pulpit so as to minimize the disturbance from late comers, and to increase the spirit of devotion. This is the "Unassigned Pew" system to which the Union of American Hebrew Union Congregations gave its approval at the XXVI Council and which was adopted by the Trustees of Temple B'nai Israel at their recent meeting. Speaking on that occasion, Rabbi Harold Reinhart advocated the unassigned pew on the ground that it promotes fellowship in the congregation and is an aid to democracy—democracy, which should be fostered in the Temple above all other places.

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